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Further to my letter of 14 March 1991, I should like to forward the assessment by the Ministry of Information of Kuwaiti property seized or damaged by Iraq.

I should appreciate it if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex I

Ministry of Information

[Original: Arabic]

1. Stored materials

   Radio spare parts
   Television spare parts
   Paper and envelopes
   Supplies and stationery
   Printed materials
   Accessories and furniture

2. Office furniture, typewriters, copying machines, etc.

3. Cars, trucks and lifts

4. Printing presses of the old and new Government printing offices

5. Stolen television and radio programmes (it must be mentioned that this figure is the total spent for the production of programmes over the past 10 years; also, it should be noted that it is difficult to estimate the value of some documentary programmes and films)

6. Loss of revenue from the sale of periodicals such as the magazine Al-Arabi, revenue from television advertising and the revenue of the Government printing office

7. Value of the buildings of the Ministry of Information which are unfit for use, including the buildings of the Kuwait Museum, the Planetarium and the three theatres

8. Losses due to the destruction of the television transmitting stations at al-Mitla', Rawdhatain and Failaka, the studios and their contents and the cinema building and all its equipment

9. Radio transmitting stations at Maqwa', Kabd and Juyun, together with the related studios and their contents

10. Spare parts for the engineering services

Note: These estimates do not include the costs stemming from the losses sustained by the National Museum and the Islamic Museum, which housed cultural treasures that cannot be valued in material terms. A full study is being conducted at present for the purpose of establishing estimates of these possessions, which we shall furnish to you upon its completion.

Annex II

Ministry of Information

Furniture, typewriters and copying machines stolen

Furniture

Leaders' offices
Civil servants' offices
Copying machines
Typewriters
Television sets
Videos
Word-processing equipment
Rugs and carpets

Annex III

Ministry of Information

List of equipment of transmitting stations and studios of the Ministry of Information

I. Radio

1. Kabd short-wave transmitting station

The Iraqi authorities dismantled and plundered the four new transmitters which were in this station, each having a capacity of 500 kilowatts. They also destroyed the station buildings housing all the other transmitters, of which there were seven: six had a capacity of 500 kilowatts, while the seventh had a capacity of 250 kilowatts. In addition, the antenna grids were destroyed. Consequently, the losses at this station are estimated as follows:

- 500-kilowatt transmitters and related equipment
- 250-kilowatt transmitters and related equipment
- Antenna grid
- Buildings required for housing the said equipment and transmitters, with all their appurtenances

2. Kabd medium-wave transmitting station

The transmitter buildings and the buildings of the power generating station at this station were destroyed, along with the power supply rooms of the (a) and (b) antennas. The replacement cost of this station is as follows:

- 750-kilowatt transmitters and related equipment
- 1.5-megawatt generator
- Refrigerator and fire-fighting equipment and other installations
- Transmitter and generator buildings

3. Maqwa' transmitting station

The new units in this station and the new antennas were dismantled and stolen, as well as the power supply rooms and other equipment in this station; also, the building constructed to house this equipment was destroyed.

In addition, the old building at this station, housing its power supply equipment, was destroyed.

4. Radio broadcasting studios, including transmitting, recording, editing and music studios, the music room, main control, electronic maintenance, outside broadcast, the ministry telephone exchange, reception and frequency monitoring: the equipment located in these places were dismantled and stolen.

II. Television

Transmitting

1. Al-Mitla' transmitting station

This station was destroyed in its entirety, along with the old station adjacent to it which serves as a stand-by.

2. Failaka transmitting station

The old and new buildings of this station were destroyed, and the new equipment in the old buildings was stolen. In addition, the main transmitting tower suffered damage to cables ... in four places. The cost of the buildings and equipment and of the repair of the damage to the transmitting tower amounts to:

Studios

The various equipment was stolen from all the television and cinema studios.

1. Production studios

(80 m, 500 m, 800 m) 4 x 1.5

2. News broadcasting studios

(No. 1, No. 2 and News)

3. Editing centre

4. Telecine and video recording

5. Main control and teletext

6. Outside broadcast, including seven vehicles equipped for broadcasting: 7 x 1.5 million

7. Engineering communications

8. Cinema (all the laboratories and equipment in the cinema building)

9. Portable cameras

Annex IV

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List of radio broadcasting studios

Location	Description	Number	Estimated cost	Total
Broadcasting studio	Sound recorders - Mixer Microphones - Additional auxiliary equipment	12		
Production studio	Recorders - Mixer - Microphones Echo chambers - Additional auxiliary equipment	4		
Drama studio	Recorders - Mixer - Microphones Echo and special effects equipment - Additional equipment	2		
Music studio	24-channel recorders and ordinary recorders 24-channel mixer - Echo chambers Noise-reduction equipment Other auxiliary eqiupment	2		
Music room	Recorders and mixer - Sound equipment - Dubbing equipment Lighting equipment - Chairs and additional auxiliary equipment	1		
Main control	Special radios - Cassette recordings - Miscellaneous auxiliary equipment			
Electronic maintenance	Special testing equipment Miscellaneous equipment and appliances for testing broadcasting equipment and measuring equipment for audio processing - Optic fibre testing equipment			
Outside broadcast	Portable recorders and portable mixer - Amplifiers - Portable special-effects equipment Miscellaneous additional equipment 4 vehicles fully equipped for radio broadcasting			

Location	Description	Number	Estimated cost	Total
Ministry telephone exchange	Telephones - Computer equipment Special testing equipment			
Receiving and frequency equipment				

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2 complete television cameras
4 VHS video cassette recorders
2 Betamax video cassette recorders
2 Umatik recorders
13 1-inch video recorders
2 visual-effects devices
1 sound-effects device
1 machine control device
3 sound recorders
4 speakers
2 electronic printing machines
1 electronic graphics plotter
2 microphones

Subtitle section

8 dubbing devices
6 monochrome monitors
6 VHS video cassette recorders
4 colour monitors
2 colour television sets

Annex VI

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Thefts from the cinema building

1. Filmline negative film developer
2. Three Filmline positive film developers
3. Colour corrector
4. Two 16-mm film printers
5. One 35-mm film printer
6. Special-effects device
7. Six Prévosts
8. Two Shelburger mixers
9. Four 35-mm projectors
10. Three 16-mm projectors
11. Ten 35-mm and 16-mm sound playback machines
12. Four 35-mm and 16-mm sound recording and re-recording machines
13. One 16-mm optical sound transmitter
14. One 35-mm optical sound transmitter

Annex VII

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Note: Equipment that may be recovered, subject to inspection and verification of its serviceability and of the fact that no parts are missing, if in the same sound condition as before it was stolen. This equipment includes the following:

1. Radio

Broadcasting studios

48 studio sound recorders
12 studio sound mixers
48 studio microphones
48 ancillary items

Production studios

16 studio sound recorders
4 studio sound mixers
16 studio microphones
4 ancillary items

Drama studios

8 studio sound recorders
2 sound mixers
8 microphones
2 echo chambers
2 ancillary and effects devices

Music studio

2 24-channel recorders
8 regular studio recorders
2 24-channel sound mixers
2 echo chambers
2 other ancillary devices

Music room

4 music-room sound recorders
1 music-room sound mixer
4 dubbing systems
Complete lighting system
Full audio system
450 luxury chairs

Outside broadcasting

4 vehicles fully equipped for remote broadcasting

2. Television

Production studios

15 cameras complete with accessories
4 image mixers
3 effects devices
8 video recording devices
350 spotlights
20 sound mixers
5 lighting control panels
1 electronic dubbing device
38 colour monitors
38 microphones complete with accessories
5 colour television sets
Complete audio system

Broadcasting studios

9 cameras complete with accessories
3 image mixers
12 colour monitors
36 monochrome monitors
19 microphones
3 dubbing devices
2 slide projectors
1 computerized slide projector
1 graphics device
3 special-effects devices
12 sound recorders
6 audio turntables
2 image-enhancement devices
2 electronic printing machines
Complete audio system
120 spotlights

Engineering liaison section

30 microwave devices
50 walkie-talkies
1 mobile tower vehicle
4 microwave vehicles
6 videotape recorders
2 computers
10 inspection and metering devices
15 monitors
10 sound recorders

Video recording and telecine section

39 video recording devices
2 16/35-mm telecine devices

Main control and teletext

2 image system converters
2 SECAM-to-PAL converters
2 PAL-to-SECAM converters
1 colour control device
2 complete teletext devices
8 colour television sets

Outside broadcasting

8 vehicles fully equipped for remote television broadcasting (including one whose contents were stolen and which was set on fire)

Portable cameras

30 complete portable cameras
15 complete portable recorders (video recorders)
4 large, fixed video recorders
30 complete lighting units
3 image mixers
18 sound mixers
85 microphones

Montage centre

3 image mixers
4 sound mixers
14 colour monitors
1 monochrome monitor

Lighting

300 spotlights in the production studios, together with control panel
120 spotlights in the broadcasting studios, together with control panel
270 spotlights kept in the lighting stores
3,150 light bulbs kept in the lighting stores
4 lighting control panels kept in the lighting stores
2 lighting vehicles containing:
  45 spotlights
  2 lighting control panels
  28 light stands

About 50 spotlights in the broadcasting room, together with control panel

Cutting section

4 colour monitors
4 monochrome monitors
3 sets of earphones
6 speakers
8 colour televisions
8 VHS video cassette recorders
4 Betamax video cassette recorders
2 Umatik video cassette recorders
2 2-inch video recorders
1 slow-speed video recorder
6 microphones with stands